

NOT ABOVE CRITICISM.

The Dalles Times-Mountaineer says: "The supreme court has decided on appeal that Sandy Olds, convicted of murder, should have a new trial, and we see some of the papers of the state criticizing the decision. We do not consider this by any means fair journalism."

Portugal has committed some flagrant acts of inhumanity towards British subjects and insolence to the British flag, and Mr. Salisbury, the premier, has called the Portuguese government to account for them.

If Grady's flowing rhetoric about the negro living contented and happy in the South was truthful as the language in Boston, what is the use of Senator Butler of South Carolina introducing his colonization scheme for colored men?

It is somewhat sorry news which burdened the wires to-day that the czar of Russia could not attend Christmas services yesterday by reason of the influenza;

John G. Waitier, the Quaker poet, celebrated his eighty-third birthday last Tuesday. The American reading public, and English-speaking people in other countries, have drawn many moral lessons from the metrical verse of Mr. Waitier, and though some may have excelled him in literary fame, none have ever written words and sentences which have entered the innermost depths of the soul with such a mild and healing sympathy as his.

The Tribune, Leasure's organ at Pendleton, is very much disappointed because its paper was not appointed U. S. district attorney, and in a burst of puerile malvolence, attempts to burst Wassco county out of the realm of Eastern Oregon and the inland Empire.

CHRISTMAS.

The anniversary of Christmas will occur to-morrow, and as such will be celebrated all over the Christian world. The day was after the event occurred, and was undoubtedly in correct as to the date and season of the year "when shepherds watched their flocks by night."

The New Testament teaches that the disciples of this humble and devout individual after his cruel death were first called Christians at Antioch, and it is doubtful if he would have sanctioned the nomenclature if he lived.

It is a matter of great gratification to the northwest that Hon. Binger Hermann, of this state, has been appointed to the chairmanship of the Rivers and Harbors committee.

When some one mentioned the name of Boulanger in the presence of Henry M. Stanley, the explorer asked "Who is Boulanger? I never heard of him before."

THE RACE QUESTION. For long years the African race has had full freedom in the United States, and has been granted the elective franchise. There is no doubt that the Anglo-Saxons are the rulers of this country—in law and literature, and we are forced to accord to the people who for long years suffered the chains of slavery a lower grade in the scale of humanity.

The present Democratic incumbents in federal positions seem satisfied with the recommendations telegraphed, and are willing to deliver up their portfolios at any time. The president has pursued a most unpartisan course toward Oregon, and the eager office-seekers have been kept waiting a long time; but the golden fruit is now falling.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The members of congress have a vacation during the holidays. Our law-makers need rest the same as other mortals.

The influenza, which has been hovering around the onarchical courts of Europe, has finally crossed the ocean and is now afflicting the four hundred in New York.

The golden apples which have fallen from the administration tree to some Oregonians have caused others to be jealous. This should not be, for we are satisfied our senators and representatives have exercised their best judgment in these recommendations.

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There has been a flood in portions of California, and the people claim they have sufficient moisture to last them during the next season. It is quite a phenomena when Californians will desire the heavens to "dry-up."

TELEGRAPHIC.

PENDLETON, Dec. 23.—Mike Marker, James Hardie and Doc Wilson left Alba for the westward on the Oregonian in the Long Creek road in the Buco mountains. They failed to arrive at the camp, and it is supposed they lost their way.

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ITEMS FROM THE UPPER COLUMBIA.

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